

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on January 18, 2007  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)  
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 145, 1/11/2007; HB 168,  
1/11/2007; HB 173  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 145**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:16 Rep. Jon Sonju (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 145,  
Clarify building code inspections in certified county  
and city programs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:06 Jack Kane, Dept of Labor & Industry  
00:09:04 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical  
Workers (IBEW)

**[EXHIBIT](#)** (buh12a01)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:04 Rep. Heinert  
00:11:02 Mr. Kane  
00:15:30 Rep. Stahl  
00:15:58 Mr. Kane  
00:16:43 Rep. Arntzen  
00:16:58 Mr. Kane  
00:18:42 Rep. Reinhart  
00:19:08 Mr. Kane  
00:20:35 Rep. Keane  
00:21:04 Mr. Kane  
00:21:22 Rep. Dutton  
00:22:16 Mr. Kane  
00:24:05 Rep. Jones  
00:24:51 Mr. Kane  
00:26:12 Rep. Windy Boy  
00:26:38 Mr. Kane  
00:28:41 Rep. Mendenhall  
00:29:01 Mr. Kane  
00:29:39 Rep. Reinhart  
00:29:52 Mr. Kane

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:12 Rep. Sonju

**HEARING ON HB 168**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:30:40 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 168, Clarify state fund obligation to provide default coverage.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:32:46 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:34:22 Andrea Olsen, Montana Trial Lawyer's Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:29 Rep. Milburn  
00:37:25 Ms. Butler  
00:37:50 Rep. Keane  
00:38:19 Ms. Butler  
00:40:51 Rep. Jones  
00:41:44 Ms. Butler  
00:42:16 Rep. Dutton  
00:42:46 Ms. Butler  
00:45:38 Curtis Larsen, Montana State Fund

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:47:30 Rep. Cohenour  
00:50:00 Break

**HEARING ON HB 173**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:27 Rep. Douglas Cordier (D), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 173, Revise weighted average discount ratio for liquor stores.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:15:45 Chris Byrd, Liquor Store Owners' Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:59:26 Mark Staples, Montana Tavern Association

01:01:07 Shauna Helfert, Department of Revenue

**EXHIBIT**(buh12a02)

01:07:11 Mr. Staples

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:25:09 Rep. Heinert

01:25:42 Ms. Helfert

01:26:01 Rep. Klock

01:26:37 Ms. Helfert

01:26:56 Rep. Boggio

01:28:02 Ms. Helfert

01:29:25 Rep. Mendenhall

01:30:40 Ms. Helfert

01:32:09 Rep. Keane

01:32:20 Ms. Helfert

01:32:27 Rep. Augare

01:32:45 Mr. Byrd

01:34:22 Rep. Milburn

01:34:57 Ms. Helfert

01:36:38 Rep. Reinhart

01:37:40 Ms. Helfert

01:38:01 Rep. Dutton

01:38:25 Ms. Helfert

01:39:26 Mr. Staples

01:40:01 Rep. Dutton

01:40:27 Mr. Staples

01:41:25 Ms. Helfert

01:42:44 Rep. Dutton

01:43:10 Ms. Helfert

01:43:20 Rep. Heinert

01:43:39 Ms. Helfert

01:45:19 Rep. Heinert

01:46:06 Mr. Byrd

01:50:46 Rep. Keane

01:51:28 Ms. Helfert

01:52:20 Rep. Keane

01:52:32 Mr. Staples

01:55:05 Rep. Keane

01:55:43 Mr. Byrd

01:55:48 Rep. Furey

01:56:18 Mr. Staples

01:58:07 Rep. Mendenhall

01:58:33 Ms. Helfert

01:58:47 Bart Campbell

01:59:32 Ms. Helfert

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:00:05\_\_Rep. Cordier

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:01:03 Adjournment: 10:00 A.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([buh12aad.pdf](#))**